THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) In a recent communication dated 18.1.1995 sent to all the State Governments it has been clarified that all future private power projects should come through the process of competitive bidding.

(b) The policy does not lay down any limit on the number of projects to be awarded to any promoter.

Submission of applications from private sector for power plants

1191. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to forward applications from private parties for setting up of power plants;

(b) when was the communications sent to the State Governments and what was the last date for submitting the recommendations; and

(c) how many State Governments have forwarded such proposals and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बांधव ताप विद्युत परियोजना

1192. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने वर्ष 1980 से 1985 के बीच मध्य प्रदेश के गांव परोन्दी, तहसील देवसर, जिला सिधी में बांधव ताप विद्युत परियोजना की आधारशिला रखी थी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति की गई है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड ने सूचित किया है कि बांधव ताप विद्युत परियोजना की अभी तक नींव नहीं रखी गई है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त स्थल को अभिज्ञात करने में कठिनाई को मद्देनजर रखते हुए परियोजना प्रस्ताव पर, पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय के मार्गदर्शी सिद्धान्तों के अनुरूप कार्रवाई नहीं की जा रही है।

Pending proposals for power projects in Karnataka

1193. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any power project submitted by Karnataka is pending for clearance with Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these are pending with Central Electricity Authority or with the Ministry of Environment and Forests and for how much duration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI